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1. (C) Summary. Foreign Office West and Southern Africa DAS-equivalent Janet Douglas told PDAS Carter July 22 that relative stability in West

2. (C) AF PDAS Carter discussed the UK's overall posture in West Africa, increasing security issues in the Sahel, counter-narcotics initiative

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3. (C) Douglas began by explaining that relative stability in West Africa and a UK budget crunch (reftel A) has meant a reduced UK presence ar

Security in the Sahel

4. (C) Douglas agreed that counter-terrorism (CT) is the next major challenge facing the Sahel and that the West African countries lack the ce

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5. (C) Douglas termed the drugs trade and other criminal activities in the West Africa as "becoming institutionalized," especially in Guinea E

ECOWAS/Mano River Union

6. (C) Douglas said the UK had concluded it needs to "up its game" with ECOWAS, especially as it has recently had some useful political positi

Nigeria

7. (C) Strongly endorsing greater U.S.-UK dialogue on Nigeria at the desk officer and technical levels, Douglas agreed that it was important t

8. (U) This cable was cleared by PDAS Carter.

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